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that are rich, as ſoon as the child is born, ſet apart for him a certain number of rein-deer, which however he cannot claim 'till he comes to maturity. The old women give names to the children, with the following ceremonies :---They ſet up two little rods, which they tie together with threads, to the middle of which they hang a ſtone wrapped in a piece of ſheep-ſkin; then they aſk of the ſtone in a muttering voice the name they ſhall give, and running over thoſe of ſeveral of their relations, whatever name the ſtone ſhakes at they give to the child. The child-bed woman does not ſhew herſelf nor come out of the hut for ten days; if they are obliged to remove their habitations during that time, ſhe is carried in a covered ſledge. They give their children the breaſt 'till they are three years old and upwards; but they uſe neither cradle nor ſwaddling cloaths.

They carefully attend thoſe who are ſick, and their *Shamans*, or conjurers, treat them in the manner above related; but they know nothing of the virtues of drugs or plants.

They burn their dead in the following manner :---Having firſt dreſſed them in their fineſt apparel, they draw them with thoſe deer which they think were their favourites to the place where they are to be burned. Here they erect a great pile of wood, into which are thrown the arms of the deceaſed and ſome houſhold furniture, ſuch as their ſpear, quiver and arrows, knives, hatchets, kettles, &c. Then they ſet fire to the pile; and while it is burning, kill the deer that drew the corps, upon which they feaſt, and throw the fragments into the fire.

They celebrate the memory of the dead only once, and that a year after their death. All the relations then aſſemble; and taking two young rein-deers that have never been in the draught, and a great many deers' horns, which they have been collecting through the whole year for that purpoſe, they go to the place where the body was burned, if near, or if at a diſtance, to ſome other high place, where they kill the deer;

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765 783 and the *Shaman*, driving the horns into the earth, pretends that he ſends a herd of deer to the dead. After this they return home, and in order to purify themſelves, they paſs between two rods which are fixed in the ground; the *Shaman*, at the ſame time beating them with another, conjures the dead not to take them away.

171 726 411 462 In all other cuſtoms and ceremonies they agree with the *Kamtſchadales*; as in making war, which is generally by ſurpriſing their enemies. Their arms conſiſt in bows, arrows, and ſpears, formerly pointed with bones or flint. Their women are employed in dreſſing their furrs, making cloaths and ſhoes. The *Koreki* women, indeed, are employed in cookery, which thoſe of *Kamtſchatka* are not.

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